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Application of

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Serial No.: 09/929,488 Group Art Unit: 2871 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800
Filed: August 15, 2001 Examiner: Rude, Timothy L.
For: ACTIVE MATRIX TYPE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, please consider the following in the above-identified application:

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, all the claims presently pending in the application, stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of Fujimaki, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,300,992) and provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of copending Application No. 09/892,568.

Even though Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection, to speed prosecution, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer under § 1.321 to expedite prosecution of the present Application, thereby rendering moot the rejections. It is noted that copending Application No. 09/892,568 is a divisional application of U.S. Patent No. 6,300,992. Thus, only one (1) Terminal Disclaimer fee of \$110.00 is submitted herewith.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.


Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-9, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or to credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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